

NPL Site Narrative for Reilly Tar & Chemical(Indianapolis Plant)

REILLY TAR & CHEMICAL CORP. (INDIANAPOLIS PLANT)

Indianapolis, Indiana

Federal Register Notice: [September 21, 1984](#)

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Reilly Tar & Chemical Corp. Site covers about 125 acres in a densely populated residential and industrial part of Indianapolis, Indiana. Between the 1920s and 1972, the company operated, on the south portion of the site, a coal-tar refining and wood-treatment facility using creosote. On-site are a trench, landfill, and lagoons used to dispose of wastes containing pyridine, a toxic organic chemical. Citizens have complained frequently of headaches, general ill health, and increased cancer and birth defects. Ground water is contaminated with pyridine, according to analyses conducted by EPA. About 5,200 residents within 3 miles of the site use ground water for drinking.

Status (June 1984): EPA has prepared a work plan for a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See [56 FR 5600](#),

February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices.]